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Sint Maarten

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Sint Maarten due to health and safety measures and COVID-related conditions. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Sint Maarten; the Consul General to Curacao is accredited to Sint Maarten; US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy in Curacao [599] (9) 461-3066; US Consulate General in Curacao, PO Box 158, J.B. Gorsiraweg 1, Curacao

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical marine climate, ameliorated by northeast trade winds, results in moderate temperatures; average rainfall of 150 cm/year; hurricane season stretches from July to November

Currency (Code)

Netherlands Antillean guilders (ANG)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages

English 67.5%, Spanish 12.9%, Creole 8.2%, Dutch 4.2%, Papiamentu (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect) 2.2%, French 1.5%, other 3.5%

Religions

Protestant 41.9%, Roman Catholic 33.1%, Hindu 5.2%, Christian 4.1%, Jehovah's Witness 1.7%, Evangelical 1.4%, Muslim/Jewish 1.1%, other 1.3% (includes Buddhist, Sikh, Rastafarian), none 7.9%, no response 2.4%

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water	Yes
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Maho Beach; Front Street; Mullet Bay; Yacht Club at Isle de Sol; Yoda Guy Movie Exhibit; Philipsburg Boardwalk
Cultural Practices	Dutch is the official language but, as on the French side of the Island, English is commonplace.
Tipping Guidelines	The Dutch side of the island follows the American style of tipping. Staff depends on tips and there is an expectation that the guest is adding 15% to the check for a tip.
Telephone Code	721
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 912; Fire: +1 721 545-4222 ; Police: 911

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

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